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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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SUBJ: VISIT OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS TO COLOMBIA

REFS: A. BOGOTA 5070; B. SAIGON 6112

1. FOR BOGOTA: WITH REGARD TO YOUR INQUIRY (REF A),
WE WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT GVN, NOT THE USG, MAKE FORMAL
APPROACH TO GOC CONCERNING VISIT ARRANGEMENTS, SO TO
AVOID SUGGESTION OF QUOTE CLIENT STATE UNQUOTE
RELATIONSHIP. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE
VIETNAMESE EMBASSY HERE WHICH STATES THAT GVN MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EMBASSIES ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO
MAKE SUCH NEEDED ARRANGEMENTS FOR OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE
VISITORS. WITH RESPECT TO COUNTRIES SUCH AS COLOMBIA
WHERE GVN HAS NO EMBASSY, NECESSARY COMMUNICATION CAN
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BE EFFECTED THROUGH CAPITALS SUCH AS WASHINGTON, LONDON,

OR BRAZIL. WE INFORMED GVN EMBASSY THAT WE WOULD ASK
OUR MISSION IN VIET-NAM TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH MFA.

2. FOR SAIGON: REQUEST YOU PROVIDE MFA WITH BACKGROUND
AND ASK GVN TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. WITH FEW
EXCEPTIONS--E.G. WHERE SPEED OF COMMUNICATIONS IS AN
ESSENTIAL FACTOR--WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT, FOR REASON
NOTED ABOVE, LIAISON WITH THIRD COUNTRIES ON MATTERS
DIRECTLY CONCERNING GVN SHOULD BE A GVN RESPONSIBILITY. RUSH

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